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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Some Important Happenings in the South

#### THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

Elsinore cyclists are agitating a bicycle track.

Summerland oil men are organizing to keep up prices.

Ice formed near Julian, San Diego county, early in the week.

Orange county farmers are exporting several carloads of products daily.

A new mail route has been established between Ramona and Escondido.

Since July 1 the Chino sugar factory has paid out \$200,000 for beets and labor.

The Los Angeles dog catcher has killed 1100 dogs during the past three months.

The President has appointed Archibald Simpson of Arizona minister to Ecuador.

It is rumored that the Santa Fe will move its division headquarters from Barstow to Newberry.

The Southern California Christian Endeavor convention will be held at Santa Barbara November 26 to 28.

The Los Angeles and Redondo Railway company contemplates extending its road from Redondo to San Pedro.

Santa Monica's \$15,000 worth of school bonds have been sold to the Oakland Bank of Savings. Premium, \$1701.

Tom Fitch of New York, the noted campaign orator, has sold his cottage at Coronado. He will locate in Los Angeles.

The rumor that John Cudaby was about to embark in the beet sugar industry at Los Angeles is denied by Mr. Cudaby.

In the libel suit of Mary Brady of San Diego against the Los Angeles Times, the plaintiff was awarded \$100 damages.

The San Bernardino county tax levy will raise money to complete the fine new court house now in process of construction.

President C. W. Smith, of the Pasadena Los Angeles and Electric Railway company, was thrown from a mule on Mount Wilson last week, narrowly escaping death.

There were over 1600 pensioners mustered at the Santa Monica Soldiers' Home, and there will be over \$4,000 disbursed during this quarter from the treasurer's office.

Los Angeles is to have a system of electrical signals for use of the police department as soon as it can be determined just which of the several systems to be had is the best.

About 120,000 trout from the State hatchery have been distributed among the various streams of San Bernardino county. This annual stocking has given anglers an abundance of sport.

A fig leaf eighteen inches long has been found imbedded in the Heald coal mine, near Garlock, and a religious authority advances the claim that this was the location of the old garden of Eden. "There were giants in those days."

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles has offered to sweep the streets of that city by hand free for three months, as an experiment, believing this will demonstrate the superiority of that method over machine sweeping.

Adgie, the lion tamer, was bitten in the arm by one of her "pets" at a San Diego theater a few days ago. Several ladies in the audience are said to have fainted. The lion is well and doing business at the old stand. Adgie was not seriously injured.

The use of salt water for sprinkling streets has been advised in many cities, but Santa Monica has tried it and does not find it entirely satisfactory. Salt water might work better on paved streets than on dirt roads, but apparently there are many serious objections to its use.

At a recent meeting of the San Diego Yukon Mining company sixteen able-bodied young men signed the articles of the company pledging to give \$500 each and join in the co-operative effort to amass fortunes along the Yukon. The membership of the company is limited to thirty.

The board of supervisors of Los Angeles county has received a proposition from the Chicago firm of Trowbridge & Co. to refund the entire issue of Los Angeles county bonds now outstanding, amounting to \$681,500, at 4 1/2 per cent. This would make a saving of \$20,000 per year in interest.

The board of supervisors of Riverside county has drawn up a new game ordinance to encourage market hunters in the killing of quail, as these game birds are becoming so numerous as to be a nuisance. The shipping of game out of the county has been prohibited, but all restrictions of this kind are to be removed, as the quail are increasing too rapidly.

The Landmarks Club of Los Angeles, which has done such good work in repairing the mission at San Juan Capistrano, has now undertaken to partially restore the main building of the San Fernando mission. This is one of the most extensive missions in Southern California, but at present some of the rooms are being used to herd sheep in, and the whole structure is rapidly falling to pieces. As landmarks of an age unique in the history of our country—nay, the world—these missions ought to be saved from the ravages of time and destructive carelessness of the sheep herders.

The shutting down of the Los Angeles oil wells caused some little interest in railroad circles, as both the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe are heavy consumers. To an official of the latter the query as to the effect on his road brought out the fact that the road is using about 750 barrels of oil per day. They have fifty locomotives that are oil burners out of a total of fifty-five on this division, but the company has at Los Angeles two oil tanks with a capacity of 35,000 barrels, that are full enough to supply them four months at the present rate of usage. Then the company has several large contracts with dealers at a very low figure that are yet to be filled, and in addition they have their own wells at Fullerton to draw upon.

Private enterprise in Southern California is inaugurating a public service that the United States government seems slow to materialize. Messrs. Judd & Dixon, Los Angeles Herald agents at Azusa, Covina and San Dimas, are putting up lock boxes at private residences in the country in which they can deposit not only the Daily Herald for their customers, but also the letters and papers, which they obtain daily at the postoffice and deliver every morning. In this way they deliver the Herald and mail daily for \$1 per month. This system is growing in popularity, and unless the government takes hold of the matter it is very probable that the system will extend to other sections of Southern California, until the people of the country, as well as those of the city, can have their mail delivered at very slight additional cost.

Jerome, Ariz., money is slightly below par to-day. To the uninitiated it is known that "Jerome money" consists of \$5 and \$10 checks, payable to bearer, issued here on a Prescott bank and signed by local merchants. The checks are interchangeable among merchants here, and have heretofore passed on presentation without signature at face value. A new deal, and a distasteful one, is that made by one big store here, as per the following notice: "From this date all bearer checks must be endorsed by party presenting, otherwise they will not be cashed by us. Positively no exception. Don't ask it." As Jerome checks are passed about till worn out, they will have to be made hereafter about three feet long to hold all the signatures. The animus of the new move is the fact that the store in question paid \$35 for a check for 35 cents, and couldn't trace it back to the payee.

Los Angeles will be a lively place next month. The Knights Templar, Odd Fellows and all-round old sports will be in this city next month by the thousands. The Templars are to hold their State convocation here, beginning on the 5th, continuing to the 9th. It is expected that there will be at least four or five thousand of these visitors. Two commanderies, the Golden Gate of San Francisco and the California of Oakland, will come in a body, and Masons of this degree will gather here from all over the State. On Saturday, the 9th, the Templars will be taken by special Southern Pacific train to San Pedro, where they embark for Catalina. The District Fair will be held October 14th to 23d, and special efforts will be made to secure a large attendance from all over the State. From October 18th to 28th the Odd Fellows of the State will convene in this city and there will be at least three thousand of them. To all of these affairs the railways will make special rates from California points, so it looks as if the strangers, alone, would make things lively here this fall.

### FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

All is quiet at Nicaragua, but the revolutionary movement continues in different parts of the country.

Senor Don Eduardo Velasquez, late chief of police, confessed that he directed the killing of Arroyo, the assailant of President Diaz of Mexico.

Earthquake disturbances have occurred in the Swiss cantons of Glarus and Grison. In many places great masses of rock fell from the mountains.

Some silver mines in the Fingwa district of Ning-po are to be immediately opened. The slump in silver and the rise in exchange has paralyzed business in Hongkong.

The Peruvian corporation which eight years ago undertook to pay the Peruvian national debt of \$40,000,000, has failed. A special commission has been appointed to investigate.

Reports from all parts of Japan indicate that the rice crop this year will be exceptionally good; in fact, it is predicted that it will exceed anything seen during the past ten years.

## PACIFIC COAST NEWS

### Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

#### ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

The Southern Pacific company thinks it will soon develop great coal mines in the state of Sonora, Mexico.

President Jordan of Stanford has notified the University freshmen that drunkenness will mean expulsion.

The Santa Fe railroad's second annual report is out. The figures show an increase of earnings of \$825,859 for the system over last year.

Steamers sailing for Skaguay continue to carry full complements of miners. Secretary Alger decides that no relief measures need be undertaken at present.

The new epidemic among the horses at Stockton is a blood disease. Lumps first appear, followed by abscesses that eat into the bone, and then blood poisoning sets in.

There is said to be a possibility of litigation between the executors and the legatees of the late Senator Stanford. Lawyers interested were in conference at San Francisco.

Byron Waters has resigned as claims attorney for the Southern Pacific in San Francisco, the resignation to take effect September 30. David R. Sessions will be his successor.

Western Idaho is largely engaged in fruit growing, and unless grain growing seems to be more profitable will within a few years become an important factor in the fruit trade.

The San Leandro fruit growers are endeavoring to establish a co-operative cannery. It is asked that 100 fruit growers and citizens contribute \$150 each for the purpose.

The Santa Barbara News says that the accumulated stock of old beans is rapidly going out of that county. During the month of August there were nearly 5,000,000 pounds shipped.

Lieut. George F. Randall, stationed at Cheyenne, Wyo., has received orders to proceed immediately to Alaska with a company of twenty-five enlisted men and two officers, to be selected from the Eighteenth infantry.

The health inspector of Victoria, B. C., is just back from the leper station on "Darcy Island." He says that of the seven Chinese patients, six cannot live much longer. They are slowly dying from the terrible disease.

The graduates of the deaf, dumb and blind asylum at Berkeley have organized a novel society. Its purpose is to interest wealthy people and, if possible, the federal and state governments, in establishing scholarships for the blind in leading educational institutions.

J. W. Sumner, one of the pioneers of Umatilla county, Ore., is in his seventy-third year, but notwithstanding he raised 13,000 bushels of wheat this year with the aid of a boy, who worked for him three months only. Mr. Sumner disposed of his wheat at 76 cents a bushel, and finds himself in good shape physically as well as financially.

Mayor Phelan of San Francisco last week gave a luncheon at the Palace hotel to Governor Budd and to the board of supervisors. No one else was present. Mayor Phelan proposed a toast to Governor Budd. The governor, in return, said: "I propose that we drink to the health of James D. Phelan, San Francisco's able mayor, and the coming governor of California."

T. S. Bullock, of the Sierra railway of California, reports that the road is in operation to Dom Pedro, and has been constructed to a point seven miles this side of Jamestown. That place will be reached in about fifteen days, when extension will cease for the present. Very high trestle work is being built near Chinese Camp, rising to a height of 250 feet in some places.

Two of the sailors of the gunboat Wheeling attempted to swim a distance of over a mile to shore, to get a schooner of beer. They were picked up by a boatman, by whom they were discovered, nearly exhausted, and brought ashore. They slaked their thirst, and waited an opportunity to get back to their vessel. They have been stowing coal since.

The San Francisco board of health is apprehensive that a diphtheria epidemic is impending in the Chinese quarter, and extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent a spread of the disease. If the situation should grow more alarming Chinatown will probably be quarantined against the rest of the city and its population compelled to remain within the lines until all danger is passed.

A fire broke out in the snowsheds between the Summit and Truckee last week, and before the railroad company's fire train could reach there and do effective work some 2700 feet of snowsheds were burned. The railroad ties were also destroyed, and the rails warped

and twisted out of shape. Fire trains were dispatched from Truckee, the Summit and Sacramento, and it was only after a long and fierce fight that the fire was subdued.

The abundant fruit crop this year has caused a jar famine in Eugene, Ore., and glass jars cannot be had for love or money. The usual orders for jars were placed early in the season by dealers, who did not foresee the great demand for this ware that has followed. One firm in Eugene has sold over 300 dozen glass jars this season, and could have sold many more if it had had them. Many other firms have made as large sales or larger. Being unable to get glass jars, many people are now buying stone jars to preserve their fruit.

The Salvation Army colony at Soledad will soon be established, and at least twenty families placed upon farms. The result of the conference between Commander Booth-Tucker and a citizens' committee of San Francisco was the selection of the land offered by C. T. Romid, comprising about 500 acres in Monterey county. Commander Booth-Tucker has left for Oregon, where he will inspect lands offered by the Union Pacific, and will go from there to Denver to superintend the establishment of a colony in Colorado.

The gunboat Wheeling, the new vessel recently turned out by the Union iron works at San Francisco, will soon make her maiden cruise. The Wheeling is a composite gunboat of 1000 tons displacement, 12 knots speed, 800 horse power, and her cost was something less than \$280,000. Her length is 174 feet on the load water line, and her breadth 34 feet. She is one of six sister boats whose keels were laid in 1896 on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The main battery consists of six 4-inch rapid-firing guns, and the secondary battery is made up of four 6-pounder rapid-firing and two 1-pounder rapid-firing guns. The six vessels are the Wheeling, Annapolis, Newport, Princeton, and Marietta.

One of the most clever escapes ever effected at San Quentin was made by George Marshall, alias Louis E. Shroder, sent up from San Joaquin county six months ago for grand larceny and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, and he is now enjoying freedom. Marshall's duties were to keep in order the rooms of the guards, but instead of making a bed on the day of his escape, he donned a suit of clothes belonging to a guard, and leaving his convict dress in the guardhouse, walked unmolested over the hill to San Rafael. Marshall took an entire change of clothing from the guardhouse. He was trusted about the prison, his duties as room-tender taking him outside the walls, but not outside the grounds.

### EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The sheriff of San Lunas county, N. M., has arrested the Pueblo priests accused of maltreating a woman they believed to be a witch.

Reports from the fever stricken districts are somewhat reassuring. The new cases are few and most of the patients are doing well.

Engene V. Debs says he does not advocate the use of the torch and dagger but that Social Democracy must succeed through the ballot.

Steve Elkins of West Virginia claims the authorship of section 22 of the new tariff bill, and Attorney-General McKenna decides that it won't work.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt announces bluntly that we are on the verge of a war with Spain, and the navy department officials are busily preparing.

James J. Corbett played firstbase for the Brewers at Milwaukee and won the game in the ninth, when, with one man out, he hit a hot one to short, which Hall could not handle, bringing in the winning run.

Secretary Lane of the National State Democratic committee announces that Dr. William Everett of Quincy has consented to be the candidate for governor of the gold Democrats of Massachusetts during the coming campaign.

Henry Williams was nominated for mayor on the first ballot by the Democratic city convention held at Baltimore last night. Williams was defeated for mayor in 1895, alongside with the entire state and local Democratic ticket.

The grand jury at Dadesville, Ala., found eight negroes working as slaves on a farm in that vicinity. The negroes were locked up at night, lashed for insubordination and tracked with bloodhounds when they tried to escape.

The famous pacers, John R. Gentry and Robert J., hitched together this afternoon, lowered the world's double-team record for a mile to 2:09 on the track of the Belmont Driving Club, at Philadelphia, (September 22.) The previous record was 2:09 1/4, held by Mrs. W. E. D. Stokes' Miss Rita and Josie B.

A Hazelton, Pa., dispatch says: Unless unforeseen developments occur the anthracite coal strike in this region is ended. Twelve hundred men, half of the full complement, have returned to work at Honey Brook collieries of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre company, as did 400 of the 1300 at Pardee's Latimer mines, while the Cranberry, Crystal Ridge and Harwood collieries of the same company and Cox's collieries in the Drifton district were in operation.

### MINES AND MINING.

In the last five days of August the Wagoner mine in Kern county cleaned up \$2,100.

In Nevada on the Comstock the California and Consolidated Virginia have paid \$77,608,800 dividends.

The mines five miles north of Mojave are holding up well and are shipping ore to Pueblo and San Francisco which averages \$60 per ton.

A stage route has been started up again between the Dale and Amboy, in San Bernardino county. It leaves the Dale every Tuesday and Amboy Wednesday night.

Assays lately made by Smith & Irving on rock sent from Ventura county give a showing of \$10 gold and \$9.60 silver from rock that does not show any color whatever, even in horning.

D. G. Mitchell of the Piramide states that title has been acquired in Baja California for 500 acres of placer land. A pumping plant to pipe water to the ground is to be shipped from Los Angeles.

The Vulture mine, near Phoenix, Arizona, which produced \$16,000,000 in gold, was recently purchased by Grand Rapids people for \$22,000. Senator Tabor of Colorado owned it in its palmiest days.

Smith & Irving report the receipt of from \$200 to \$300 worth of placer gold weekly from the placer mines in San Gabriel canyon. Some men are making good wages and a little more in that section.

California deposited \$17,000,000 of virgin gold in the mint during the last complete mining year, while the output of the Klondyke region, with \$6000 miners, for the same time, was less than \$2,550,000.

The Sun-Democrat of Flagstaff says in less than eighteen months a smelter will be located at Flagstaff, from the signs now visible, and within two years from date this country will be enjoying a healthy mineral boom.

A Riverside exchange says that some very fine specimens of borax crystals are on exhibition in the chamber of commerce. They came from the mine of S. W. Barnes and others near Barstow, and are considered by experts to be of exceptionally good quality.

The following illustrates the possibilities of finding mines in the mineral belt for years to come: Jesse Bates, a son of ex-Supervisor Bates of Minersville, Trinity county, last week concluded to prospect some croppings in the backyard of his father's hotel, and in a few hours he washed out three pans full of decomposed rock which yielded about \$30 in gold.

The New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro, N. M., has reopened. The preparatory department will be in charge of Prof. E. A. Drake, M.A., an educator of fifteen years' experience. The advance work of the institution will be under the direction of W. H. Seamons. Special attention will be given to chemistry, assaying, metallurgy, mining, ore concentration and geology.

At the greatest depth ever attained by miners in the history of the world the miners in the vertical Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet and Hecla copper mine, Wisconsin, have recently stopped sinking, at a depth of 4900 feet, as this is the depth necessary for the company to reach the limit of its underground territory. Bored wells have been carried down to a greater depth, but the Red Jacket shaft is the best constructed mining shaft in the world. Its inside dimensions are 14x33 1/2 feet, divided into six compartments and timbered throughout with pine. The hoisting machinery consists of two pairs of triple expansion engines of 3,000 horse power per pair, and hoists a load of ten tons fifty feet per second.

### Lower California.

The Mexican Sulphur company has begun extensive development of their property near the Colorado river, in Lower California, under the management of J. A. Dubbs, the general manager. The method of mining there is the most simple that could be imagined. The deposit is so large and of such a high per cent sulphur that it needs no sorting, and wagons are driven under traps such as the grading contractors use in excavating for a cellar. The ore is broken down and loaded by means of chutes. Only a few minutes are required to load a two-ton wagon, and another immediately takes it space.

The Mexican Sulphur company is incorporated under the laws of West Virginia, and is composed of Pittsburgh gentlemen. The board of directors and officers are: G. H. Flinn, president; J. J. Booth, secretary and treasurer; J. A. Dubbs, general manager. The stock is held by practically the same men that compose the Pittsburgh Asphaltum company of Ventura, Cal. These deposits are the property of Anthony Godbe of Ensenada, and are being worked by the present company on a royalty. Less than a year ago they were almost unknown, but at the present time they are attracting attention in many places in the United States, and bid fair to become one of the most important factors in the sulphur market of the world.